

Mayor's Message – June 2017

Murray City is different – it's the "Murray Way." When I first heard that comment, I was a taken back a little. I don't think as a resident of the city; I remember hearing that phrase. But after being elected mayor and throughout my term, I have continued to hear the "Murray Way." I now know deep in my heart what it means, and the "Murray Way" is a real thing and continues through generations.

I was so impressed at a recent public hearing held in the Council Chambers, the "Murray Way" phrase was used by residents in their comments to Councilmembers. They shared their feelings about growing up in Murray and wanting to share that with potentially new residents. I thought this was a new concept for me, but I'm not the only one who feels this way about our incredible city. We know we live in a unique place and one that has its own heart and character. It is very difficult to explain this to others, but if you are privileged to live here, you know what I'm talking about.

Over the last three and a half years, it has been a privilege to serve as mayor and come to an understanding of all it takes for a city to run well, and appropriately. I don't know of any other job that could bring the satisfaction I have received while in this capacity. To help a resident with a garbage issue at one moment and then attend a meeting talking about million-dollar issues impacting all residents the next hour has been so rewarding to me. I've enjoyed every aspect of the job, and it keeps me going and looking forward to a great day every day.

Early June is the filing time for those wishing to run for an elected office. This year there are three positions open for election in Murray City – Mayor, Councilmember for District 2 and Councilmember for District 4. Since being elected, I have come to realize that elected officials are some of the most dedicated and hardworking people I know. They devote their lives to the service of their constituents which means sacrificing time from family and other commitments.

Many of you know I have been struggling with a health problem for some time now. I will not be running for reelection; I don't believe I could devote the time and effort this position requires and that the citizens of Murray deserve and expect. I've always stated that if I were to consider another term, I would need to be in good health and have the blessing from my family. This has been a difficult decision and one I didn't want to make.

By serving as your mayor, I have learned more than I could have ever imagined about how a city operates and that it takes many extremely dedicated employees to do all the work. Murray City has some of the most incredible department heads and employees. They are true leaders in their fields, and because of their expertise and example of leadership, Murray is the envy of many other cities.

I look forward to the election process. I'm excited to get to know those who will be running and elected to serve you, our residents. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity, it has meant so much to me to be able to give back to this city that I love. I hope you will continue making Murray, a City without Equal and living the "Murray Way."

Sincerely,



Ted Eyre
Mayor